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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/790,279 for
AQUEOUS-BASED OIL WELL DRILLING FLUIDS
CONTAINING HIGH AMYLOSE STARCH POLYMERS
Our File No.: 051344-5032

Dear Sir:

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Sir:

The following amendment is respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on May 11, 2006.

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